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APACHES Of Paris have  
Nothing on  
the Ladies.

## VILLA'S ARMY STILL MARKS TIME AROUND TORREON

Rumors of General Engagement Yesterday Officially Contradicted in Today's Reports from the Front.

### ADVANCE GUARD TAKES LOOK AT FORTIFICATIONS

Rebels Find Federal Troops Thoroughly Entrenched Behind Modern Earthworks with Big Guns Ready.

**By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.**  
Eagle Pass, Tex., March 23.—American soldiers and Mexican federal forces clashed in a battle yesterday at McRae crossing, three miles above Del Rio on the Rio Grande, in which several federal soldiers are reported killed. A patrol from E troops of the Fourteenth cavalry returned the fire of the Mexicans across the Rio Grande and for ten minutes the shooting continued. One of the Americans was injured.

San Antonio Confirms.

San Antonio, Tex., March 23.—The army officials at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, today confirmed the reports of firing across the Rio Grande yesterday between American soldiers and Mexican federal forces near Del Rio, Texas.

Juarez, Mexico, March 23.—No news from the front was received today and General Chao, military governor of the state of Chihuahua, expressed the belief that the constitutionalists were still busy securing themselves in the new advanced positions taken last Friday and Saturday.

General has made a thorough investigation of the story that an attack on Laredo, a big shoe manufacturing city in the environs of Torreon, was begun last night by General Villa. At noon he stated that the story was without basis in fact.

### NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORTED ENGAGEMENT

El Paso, Tex., March 23.—Published reports that the rebels began an attack on Gomez Palacio and Lerdo, important suburbs of Torreon, yesterday were without official confirmation early today either here or in Juarez. The last word received at 3 p.m. today, when the telegraph office closed, was that there had been no fighting.

### VILLA ADVANCE GUARD INSPECTS FORTIFICATIONS

Bernalillo, Bernalillo, Mex., March 23.—Officers from the extreme front returned today after viewing some of the federal fortifications through powerful field glasses. They reported that the defenses were elaborate and laid out according to the latest approved methods, so that troops may move "from trench to trench without exciting."

Fresh earth, whose appearance seemed to be artificial, was understood to mark the lurking places of the enemy's big guns. Some of the barbed wire entanglements were visible through the clear, purified air.

Troops continued to pour into this city from the north today. Practically all the supplies from Yerme now are here.

### BATTLE REPORTED ON 100 MILES FROM LAREDO

Brownsville, Tex., March 23.—A battle between constitutionalists and federales was reported in progress this afternoon at Mier, Mexico, opposite the Texas border, about 100 miles northwest of Laredo. This report came from constitutionalist officials at Matamoros, opposite here.

There is no telegraph or telephone communication with the battle site, dispatches traveling by courier for a long distance before reaching the first avenue wires.

**REBELS AT LAS VACAS  
BEAT HASTY RETREAT**

Del Rio, Tex., March 23.—Twenty-seven constitutionalist soldiers of the garrison of Las Vacas, Mexico, opposite the Texas border, escaped when attacked by federal troops yesterday and surrendered to the American border patrol here. This was the garrison reported annihilated in yesterday's Eagle Pass dispatches.

### CAVALRY SENT AFTER DETACHMENT OF FEDERALES

Laredo, Tex., March 23.—A detachment of United States cavalry has been sent from Laredo, it was announced today, to San Ygnacio, Tex., about fifty miles southeast on the border, to bring in fifteen Mexicans arrested by United States customs inspectors charged with attempting to cross the river to join Mexican federales. About 1,000 officers and men of the Ninth cavalry are today in camp at Fort McIntosh or on border patrol duty in this vicinity, the two remaining companies of that regiment having just arrived.

## SHERIFF AND CLERK OF LINCOLN ON CARPET

Grand Jury at Carrizozo Makes Presentment Asking the Court to Remove Two County Officers

### NEGLIGENCE AND INCOMPETENCE CHARGE

Charges Understood to Grow Out of Indictment Charging Deputy County Clerk with Embezzlement.

### SPECIAL DISPATCH TO EVENING HERALD.

Carrizozo, N. M., March 22.—The Lincoln county grand jury, in session here, has brought in a presentment against Portion Chaves sheriff and A. H. Harvey, clerk, asking the court to remove the two county officers for "negligence and incompetency in office."

The two officials have been cited to appear for a hearing on Saturday, March 22nd. The charges, it is understood, grew out of a recent investigation of the books of Lincoln county auditor's office and which resulted in the indictment of Lee B. Chase, deputy county clerk, on a charge of embezzlement of county funds.

### UNEXPLAINED RUN STARTS ON DENVER TRUST COMPANY

**By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.**  
Denver, March 23.—Several hundred small depositors were lined up before the German American Trust Company when the doors were opened for business at 10 o'clock and since began drawing out their deposits. Just before the doors opened Geoffrey Schirmer, president of the institution, declared it is in excellent condition, adding, "We will pay over money to the depositors as fast as it is requested, and meet all demands."

The Denver Clearing House association through J. C. Mitchell, its president, today issued the following statement:

"Owing to current rumors relating to the condition of the German American Trust company of this city, the Denver Clearing House association after inquiring into the affairs of said trust company is satisfied of its solvency and the Denver Clearing House association is prepared to render such assistance to the said company as to enable it to meet any demands that may be made upon it."

The German American Trust company is absolutely sound," was the statement made at the office of the state bank examiner.

A statement of the German American Trust company issued March 4 gave total deposits of \$4,075,147.25 and resources, including cash loans and bond investments, aggregating \$5,189,000.67.

### JURY CANNOT FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAINT LOUIS FIRE

**By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.**  
St. Louis, March 23.—The coroner's jury that investigated the death of thirty persons in the Missouri Athletic club fire two weeks ago could not fix the blame for the disaster, it reported today. The responsibility cannot be fixed, the jury reported, because the city ordinances do not provide for the regulation of buildings used for club purposes.

The jury recommended that satisfactory building laws be passed. Whether the fire started from a cigarette thrown among the draperies of the dressing room, or from defective electric wires, the jury could not determine.

The jury reported that the following conditions prevailed at the building:

WIDNEY HAS FIGURED  
IN MYSTERIES BEFORE

San Francisco, March 23.—Robert J. Widney of Los Angeles came into much notoriety here in December 1912, when, in response to a hysterical telephone call from Mrs. Vivian Martin Lyons, the police found him in an apartment he was occupying with her, shot through the abdomen. The woman was arrested, charged with attempted homicide, but later repudiated her first statements to the police and the case against her was dropped when Widney, who recovered after a critical illness, said he had shot himself accidentally.

The new Panama canal act provides that employees in the zone may be paid not to exceed 25 per cent more than the wages earned in the United States. It is estimated the present scale is from 10 to 20 per cent higher than in this country.

**LYDIA'S ESTATE TO SOCIALISTS.**

Grand Junction, Colo., March 22.—William Sawyer, who died here recently left his entire estate of \$20,000 to the Socialist party upon the death of his sister. In the will filed today small bequests are made to every Socialist newspaper and the residue to the national executive committee of the party.

## WOMAN OPENS FIRE UPON JUDGES ON BENCH

Wife of High Official of Ministry of Colonies Uses Members of Court for Target Practice.

### THREE SHOTS FIRED NO ONE INJURED

Mme Caillaux Again Taken Before Examining Magistrate Protests Against the Camera Brigade.

**By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.**

Paris, March 23.—Three shots from a revolver were fired at the judges sitting in the sixth chamber of the palace of justice today by a woman. The authorities after her arrest declared that the woman apparently was mentally unbalanced.

No one was hit by the bullets.

The woman proved to be Madame Lavigerie de Saint-Suzanne, wife of a high official of the ministry of colonies. At the moment she fired she shrieked, "I will kill all these bastards."

The shooting occurred in the height of a divorce case in which she was a witness. One of the attorneys had just alluded to the desirous of some wives who were unable to obtain justice, when the woman opened fire.

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## PARLEYS AT VERA CRUZ WAIT ON BATTLE

Nothing Expected from Conference Between Lind and Rojas Until After Issue at Torreon is Settled.

### PERCIVAL CONFIRMS STABBING OF BENTON

Brittish Consul's Investigation Agrees with Finding of Carranza's Commission as to Means of Death.

**By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.**

Washington, March 23.—Information thus far received by President Wilson indicates that the parlays at Vera Cruz between John Lind and Senor Portillo y Rojas, Huerta's minister of foreign affairs, have not reached the stage of formal negotiations or definite proposals. The president told callers today that nothing of importance had developed.

Incidentally the president denied that Charge O'Shaughnessy would resign unless it were on account of ill health and he hoped that would not be necessary.

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